

## RULE 011, SCOPE

### The NESC covers:

1. Supply and communication facilities (including metering) and associated work practices employed by a public or private electric supply, communications, railway, trolley, street and area lighting, traffic signal (or other signal), irrigation district or other community owned utility, or a similar utility in the exercise of its function as a utility.
2. The generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity, lumens, communication signals, and communication data through public and private utility systems that are installed and maintained under the exclusive control of utilities or their authorized representatives.
3. Utility facilities and functions of utilities that either (a) generate energy by conversion from some other form of energy such as, but not limited to, fossil fuel, chemical, nuclear, solar, mechanical, wind or hydraulic or communication signals, or accept energy or communication signals from another entity, or (b) provide that energy or communication signals through a delivery point to another entity.
4. Street and area lights that provide a supply of lumens where these facilities are supplied from the line side of the service point by underground or overhead conductors maintained and/or installed under the exclusive control of utilities (including their authorized contractors or other qualified persons).
5. Utility facilities and functions on the line side of the service point supplied by underground or overhead conductors installed and/or maintained under exclusive control of utilities located on public or private property in accordance with legally established easements or rights-of-way, contracts, other agreements (written or by conditions of service), or as authorized by a regulating or controlling body.
6. Wiring within a supply station or in an underground facility that is (a) installed in accordance with Part 1 or Part 3 of this Code and maintained under the exclusive control of utilities and (b) necessary for the operation of the supply station or underground facility.
7. Utility facilities installed, maintained, and controlled by utilities on surface or underground mine sites, including overhead or underground distribution systems providing service up to buildings or outdoor equipment locations on the line side of the service point.
8. Similar systems to those listed above that are under the exclusive control of qualified persons and authorized by a regulating or controlling body, including those associated with an industrial complex or utility interactive system.

### NESC rules do not cover:

1. Utilization equipment or premises wiring located beyond utility service points to buildings or outdoor installations, or
2. Underground mine wiring or installations in ships, railway rolling equipment, aircraft, or automotive equipment, or
3. Luminaires not installed or maintained under exclusive control by utilities, or
4. Industrial complex or utility interactive systems that are not controlled exclusively under utilities or qualified persons or are located on the premises wiring side of the service point.

NOTE: The National Electrical Code® (NEC®) (NFPA 70®, 2011 Edition) covers utilization wiring requirements beyond the service point and luminaires that are not controlled exclusively by utilities and serves as the appropriate reference standard.

NOTE: Agreements to locate utility facilities on property may be required where easements are either

(a) not obtainable (such as locating utility facilities on existing rights-of-way of railroads or other entities, military bases, federal lands, Native American reservations, lands controlled by a port authority, or other governmental agency), or (b) not necessary (such as locating facilities necessary for requested service to a site).



## Illustration Utility Electric Supply and Premises Wiring

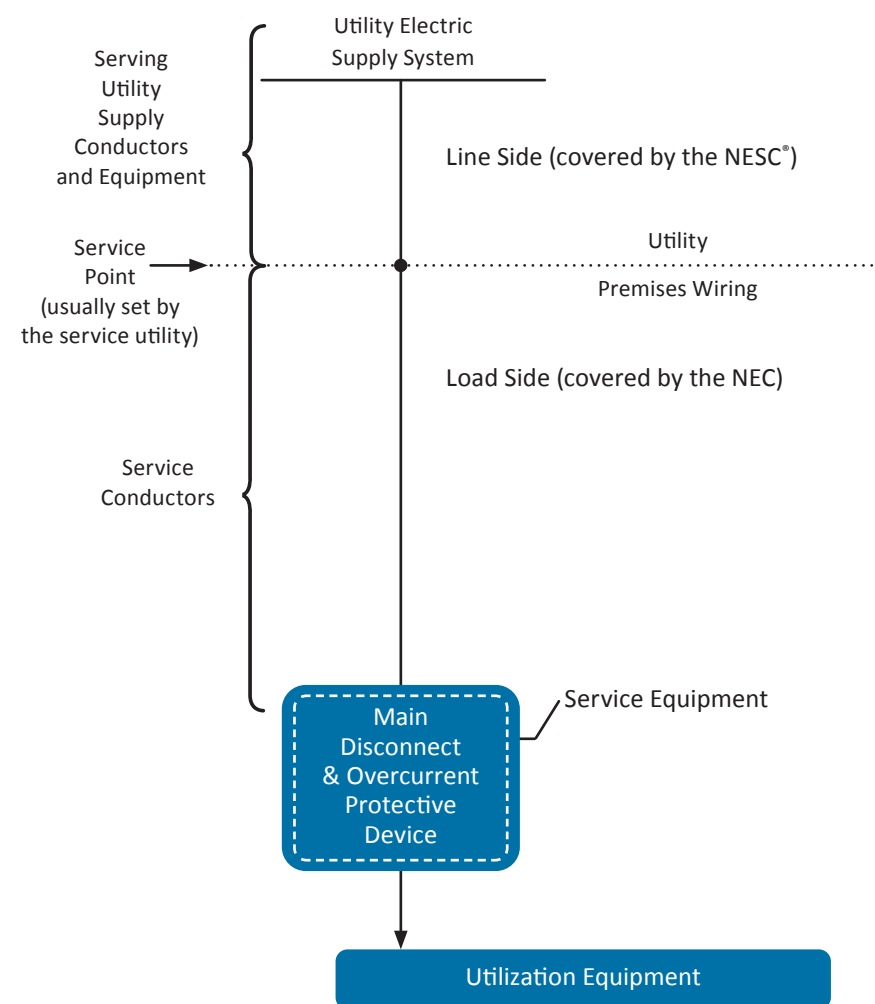


Figure 011-1 – Service point – General illustration of what is covered and not covered by the NESC

## HOW THE NESC DIFFERS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE® (NEC®)

The NEC® (also referred to as NFPA®-70) is issued by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA®), and addresses proper installation and use of electrical systems and equipment in buildings and structures so as to help protect people and property from potential hazards. The main types of systems and equipment addressed include:

- Installations of electric conductors and equipment within or on public and private buildings or other structures, including mobile homes, recreational vehicles, floating buildings, and other premises such as yards, carnivals, parking lots, and industrial substations.
- Installations of conductors and equipment that connect to the supply of electricity.
- Installations of other outside conductors and equipment on the premises.
- Installations of optical fiber cable. Installations in buildings used by the electric utility, such as office buildings, warehouses, garages, machine shops, and recreational buildings that are not an integral part of a generating plant, substation, or control center.

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